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BRIDPORT
BOROUGH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND THE

Senior Public Health Inspector

for the Year

1967

Tel. No. Bridport 2385/6

Health Centre,
North Allington,
Bridport,
Dorset.

June, 1968.

To The Worshipful The Mayor of Bridport Borough,
Aldermen and Councillors.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1967 which is prepared in accordance with the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959.

The report is set out in the following order :-

I must express my thanks to members and officials of the Council for the co-operation, consideration and help I have received. I am also grateful to Mr. Angus, the Senior Public Health Inspector for his assistance in preparing this report.

Your obedient servant,

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

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Ex officio Councillor Miss F.M. Reynolds. Mayor.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health.....John G. Meadows, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H..

Also Medical Officer of Health for Bridport and Beaminster Rural District Councils and Lyme Regis Borough Council, and Senior Assistant County Medical Officer. 5/11 of time allocated to Dorset County Council and 6/11 shared between the four District Councils.

Senior Public Health Inspector..... J.C. Angus, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H..
Pupil Public Health Inspector..... R. Singleton (joint appointment).
Clerk to the Medical Officer..... Miss B.E. Lawrence.
Rodent Operator..... J. Tattershall (part-time).

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Area Comparability Factor. Births - 1.20 Deaths - 0.68

This is worked out for each District by the Registrar General. Its object is to level out differences in the age and sex constitution of the populations of the various Districts and its use allows statistical comparison to be made between areas.

Live Births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Registered.....	37	52	89
Legitimate.....	34	48	82
Illegitimate.....	3	4	7

Live Birth Rate per 1000 population - Crude 13.7 Corrected 16.4
Live Births ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national rate 0.96

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births - 7.8

Still Births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Registered.....	2	0	2
Legitimate.....	2	0	2
Illegitimate.....	0	0	0

Still-birth Rate per 1,000 live and still-births - 22

Total Live and Still-births.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Registered.	39	52	91

Deaths. (all ages)	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Registered.	54	66	120

Death Rate per 1,000 population - Crude 18.4 Corrected 12.5
Deaths ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate - 1.12

Deaths of Infants.	Males.			Females.		
	Legit.	Illegit.	Total.	Legit.	Illegit.	Total.
Under 1 year of age.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Under 4 weeks of age.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Under 1 week of age.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Infant Mortality Rates.

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births..... 0
Legitimate " " " " legitimate live births..... 0
Illegitimate" " " " illegitimate live births..... 0
Neonatal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births).... 0
Early Neonatal " " (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births).... 0
Perinatal " " (still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births)..... 22

Maternal Mortality. (including abortion)

Number of deaths..... 0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births..... 0

OTHER VITAL STATISTICS.

	1931	1940	1950	1960	1964	1965	1966	1967
Population	5858	5903	6081	6580	6510	6530	6510	6510
Rateable Value	£36793	£43883	£47181	£101034	£256573	£259323	£266993	£280053
Produce of a Penny Rate	£146	£172	£190	£400	£1015	£1000	£1015	£1050
BIRTHS.								
Live Births	71	85	99	87	73	96	108	89
Legitimate	66	84	94	80	69	87	98	82
Illegitimate	5	1	5	7	4	9	10	7
Live Birth Rate (crude)	12.1	14.4	16.3	13.2	11.2	14.7	16.6	13.7
Live Birth Rate (corrected)	N.A.	N.A.	17.3	14.1	13.5	17.6	19.9	16.4
Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national rate	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	0.96
Live Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales)	15.8	14.8	15.8	17.1	18.4	18.1	17.1	17.2
INFANT MORTALITY.								
Still Births	N.A.	3	3	6	4	1	2	2
Still Birth Rate	N.A.	34.0	29.4	64.5	51.9	10.3	18.2	22
Still Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales)	41	37	23	19.7	16.3	15.7	15.4	14.8
Deaths under 1 year	5	4	4	1	1	3	2	0
Infantile Death Rate	70.4	46.5	40.4	11.5	13.7	31.2	18.5	0
Infantile Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	66	57	29.8	21.7	20.0	19.0	19.0	18.3
Neonatal Death Rate	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	11.5	13.7	20.8	18.5	0
Neonatal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	32	30	19	15.6	13.8	13.0	12.9	12.5
Early neonatal Death Rate	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	11.5	0	20.8	18.5	0
Early neonatal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	11.1	10.8
Perinatal Death Rate	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	75.3	51.9	30.9	36.4	22
Perinatal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	26.3	25.4
MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)								
Maternal Deaths	N.A.	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Maternal Death Rate	N.A.	0	9.8	10.8	0	0	0	0
Maternal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	4.1	2.7	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
DEATHS.								
Total Deaths	119	108	108	90	115	124	122	120
Death Rate (crude)	20.3	14.8	17.8	13.7	17.6	19.0	18.7	18.4
Death Rate (corrected)	N.A.	N.A.	15.5	10.0	12.7	13.3	12.3	12.5
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	1.12
Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	12.3	14.4	11.6	11.5	11.3	11.5	11.7	11.2

Causes of Death at different periods of life.
Registrar General's Official Return.

Causes of Death.

No.		Totals.
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	2.
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	5.
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast.	2.
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	10.
16.	Diabetes.	1.
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system.	19.
18.	Coronary disease, angina.	23.
20.	Other heart disease.	19.
21.	Other circulatory disease.	5.
23.	Pneumonia.	5.
24.	Bronchitis.	3.
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	4.
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	2.
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	15.
33.	Motor vehicle accidents.	2.
34.	All other accidents.	2.
35.	Suicide.	1.
	Total.	120.

Where a cause of death and code number is omitted there have been no deaths from this cause.

Causes of Death at different periods of life.
Registrar General's Official Return.

Causes of Death..

	Total all ages.		Under 4 weeks.		4 weeks & under 1 year.		1-		5-		15-		25-		35-		45-		55-		65-		75 & over.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
* No.																								
10.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
11.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	1	-
12.	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
14.	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	1	5
16.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
17.	7	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	3	3	7
18.	12	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	5	5	4	4
20.	7	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	1	3	9
21.	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4
23.	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2
24.	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-
26.	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1
27.	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
32.	8	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	4	7
33.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
35.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	54	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	2	5	11	5	20	11	19	44

* Numbers refer to causes of death listed on the opposite page.

Causes of Death at different periods of life
Registrar General's Official Return

WEST DORSET.

Combined figures for Bridport and Lyme Regis Borough and Bridport and Beaminster Rural Districts.

		Total (all ages)
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	0
2.	Tuberculosis, other	0
3.	Syphilitic Disease	0
4.	Diphtheria	0
5.	Whooping Cough	0
6.	Meningococcal infections	0
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	0
8.	Measles	0
9.	Other infective & parasitic diseases	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	9
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	13
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	8
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	4
14.	Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	34
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1
16.	Diabetes	2
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	61
18.	Coronary disease, angina	75
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	9
20.	Other heart disease	47
21.	Other circulatory disease	21
22.	Influenza	1
23.	Pneumonia	19
24.	Bronchitis	14
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	3
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	6
27.	Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	2
28.	Nephritis & nephrosis	1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	3
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0
31.	Congenital malformations	1
32.	Other defined & ill defined diseases	34
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	6
34.	All other accidents	8
35.	Suicide	6
36.	Homicide and operations of war	0
	Total	389

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The number of cases of infectious diseases notified in 1967 were the lowest recorded but unless a measles vaccine becomes freely available it is unlikely that this low figure will be repeated next year.

Infectious Diseases notified during 1967.

DISEASES.	Total.	Under 1 year	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Scarlet Fever.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Measles.	5	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.	6	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0

Quarterly Notifications 1967

DISEASES.	Total.	1st. Qrt.	2nd. Qrt.	3rd. Qrt.	4th. Qrt.
Scarlet Fever.	1	0	0	1	0
Measles.	5	1	0	4	0
Totals.	6	1	0	5	0

Infectious Disease Notifications for Comparison.

	1931	1940	1950	1960	1964	1965	1966	1967
Diphtheria.....	1	16	0	1	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas.....	0	1	3	1	3	3	3	0
Scarlet Fever.....	0	6	16	5	0	3	1	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.....	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Food Poisoning.....	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia.....	1	3	2	4	4	2	5	0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	7	0	2	2	1	2	2	0
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis....	5	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Measles.....	0	129	162	0	4	120	6	5
Whooping Cough.....	0	1	22	5	2	0	0	0
Totals.....	14	163	215	22	14	130	17	6

Tuberculosis.

There were no new cases of tuberculosis notified during the year and no deaths from this disease.

The number of cases under treatment or observation on the register in 1967 was 11.

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register.	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Total cases on the register at the end of 1966.	7	6	1	0
New cases notified during 1967.	0	0	0	0
Cases from other areas who have come to live in the district.	0	1	0	0
Removals from district into other areas.	1	0	0	0
Removed from register as non-tubercular.	0	0	0	0
Removed from register - cured.	1	2	0	0
Deaths during 1967.	0	0	0	0
Total on register at the end of 1967.	5	5	1	0

Average yearly incidence.	New Cases.		Deaths.	
	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.
1940 - 1949.	5.4	2.2	2.6	0.9
1950 - 1959.	4.1	0.6	1.3	0.1
1960 - 1967.	1.3	0.3	0.8	0.1

Average number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register Pulmonary & Non-Pulmonary.	
1946 - 1955.	31.6
1956 - 1965.	26.4

Total number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register Pulmonary & Non-Pulmonary	
1966.	14.
1967.	11.

Immunisation.

This is the responsibility of the Dorset County Council and either carried out by the family doctor or at the Child Welfare Clinics and schools.

The following table shows the number who were immunised.

P = Primary dose. R. = Reinforcing dose.

POLIOMYELITIS.				DIPHTHERIA.		TETANUS.		WHOOPING COUGH.		SMALLPOX.	
ORAL.		SALK.									
Basic course.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.
97	100	0	0	80	216	88	217	79	88	87	11

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NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT. 1948. Section 47.

This Act makes provision for compulsory removal of persons in need of care and attention from their own home to hospital or other suitable accommodation. Such persons have to be suffering from grave chronic illness or, being aged, infirm or physically incapacitated, are living in insanitary conditions and are unable to devote to themselves, or receive from others proper care and attention.

Several old persons living in the district were brought to my attention and therefore visited but statutory action was not found to be necessary.

HOUSING.

Slum Clearance.

In 1965 it was estimated that there were 295 unfit houses in the Borough. Since that date 39 houses have been demolished and action is pending in respect of a further 66 houses. Since some properties considered fit in 1965 have now fallen into a state of disrepair it is now estimated that there are 292 unfit properties in the Borough.

Demolition Orders Made.

East Street	No.s	108, 110, 112, 114, 116.
Folly Mill Lane	No.s	6(b), 10, 12.
Grove Terrace	No.s	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9.
Mount Pleasant	No.s	2, 3, 4.
North Allington	No.s	62(a), 62(b).
Pink Mead	No.s	1, 2, 3, 4.
Portland Place	No.s	1, 2.
South Street	No.s	63(a), 63(b), 63(c).

Total..... 30 (7 in 1966)

Clearance Areas.

For some time the Council has had under consideration 10 areas of the town as potential Clearance Areas. At a Special Meeting of the Council held in October, 1967 the subject of Slum Clearance and Redevelopment was fully discussed and the Council agreed to rescind all previous resolutions in regard to Clearance Areas and consider new proposals. The 10 areas are as follows; and the action taken or to be taken is shown in each case :-

(1) Barrack Street.

All properties were inspected and, on the 12th December, 1967, the Council declared a group of 17 houses in Barrack Street to be a Clearance Area, and also made a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of the 17 houses plus 4 fit houses and 5 business premises. The area covers approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres. The Order has been submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government for confirmation.

(2) St. Marys Place.

All properties were inspected and, on the 12th December, 1967, the Council declared a group of 21 houses in St. Marys Place and South Street to be a Clearance Area. The Council is to consider making a Compulsory Purchase Order on these and 8 fit houses, and a decision on this will be reached early in 1968.

(3) (a) South Mill Lane.

This is an area comprising approximately 103 properties, and inspection of these properties is to be carried out during 1968 with a view to submitting a comprehensive report to the Council in June 1968. It is thought that a substantial part of this area may well be considered as an Improvement Area under the provisions of the Housing Act. 1964.

(b) Manchester Place.

This area, which comprises 6 houses, was declared to be a Clearance Area in April 1967. A Compulsory Purchase Order was made in June 1967 and submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government for confirmation. Two (2) of the property owners objected and the Ministry held a Public Local Inquiry on 12th. December, 1967. *

(4) North Allington.

No Clearance Area action to be taken. Individual action under the Housing and Public Health Acts is in progress. Some of the properties may be included in an Improvement Area.

(5) Rope Walks.

This area consists of 35 dwelling houses and several properties are subject of operative Demolition Orders. At the end of the year the inspection of the houses not yet subject to statutory notices was in progress, and a report is to be submitted to the Council in Janaury, 1968 for their consideration and action.

(6) Dinent Square.

No further Clearance Area action is to be taken. Properties being dealt with by individual action.

(7) Seymour Place.

No further Clearance Area action to be taken. Properties being dealt with by individual action.

(8) Stanley Place.

No further Clearance Area action to be taken. Five (5) of the 8 dwellings are unoccupied and are subject of undertakings not to be used for human habitation until made fit. Individual action will be taken with regard to the remaining 3 occupied houses.

* The Council's decision has now been confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

(9) East Street (Nos. 108 - 118)

No further Clearance Area action necessary. All properties made the subject of Demolition Orders.

No. 118 has been made fit in all respects and the Demolition Order has been revoked.

(10) Hibernia Place.

The 8 properties which formed the area were demolished during the year in pursuance of Demolition Orders. The Council is to purchase the land together with adjoining land for the purpose of erecting 36 flats for persons of pensionable age.

Closing Orders.

East Street	No. 118
North Allington	No. 102
	Total..... 2 (9 in 1966)

Demolished.

21 dwelling houses were demolished in pursuance of Slum Clearance, compared with 18 in 1966 :-

Hibernia Place	Nos. 1,2,3, 4/5, 6,7,8.
North Allington	No. 143.
Rope Walks.	No. 2(a).
West Allington	Nos. 15(a), 15(b), 15(c).
	Total..... 12.

The 3 dwellings at 18, 20 and 22 Magdalen Lane, which formed the Borough of Bridport (Magdalen Lane) Clearance Area 1961, were demolished following the rehousing of 1 person. Total..... 3.

The 2 dwellings at 162 and 164 North Allington, which formed the final part of the Borough of Bridport (North Allington) Clearance Area 1962, were demolished following the rehousing of 1 family comprising 5 persons. Total..... 2.

The 4 dwellings at 3, 4, 5, and 6 West End Row, which formed the Borough of Bridport (West End Row) Clearance Area 1962, were demolished following the rehousing of 1 person. Total..... 4.

Grand total.....21.

Total families rehoused as a result of Slum Clearance = 25, comprising 73 persons.

Undertakings accepted not to use for human habitation until made fit.

Barrack Street	No. 21(a).	
South Street	No. 122(d).	
Stanley Place	Nos. 7, 8.	
West Street	No. 32(a).	Total..... 5 (6 in 1966).

Closing Orders revoked and substituted by Demolition Orders.

Drill Hall Passage	Nos. 4, 5, 6.	
East Street	No. 118.	
Folly Mill Lane	No. 6(a).	
Grove Terrace	No. 6.	
Mount Pleasant	No. 1.	
North Allington	No. 62(d).	
Rope Walks	No. 42, 44.	Total.....10 (6 in 1966)

Demolition Orders Revoked - Houses made fit.

East Street	No. 118.	
North Allington	No. 39	Total ..... 2 (Nil in 1966)

Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

No. of inspections and / or visits for Housing Act purposes.....	376.
No. of visits re overcrowding.....	2.
No. of visits re improvements.....	110.
No. of visits re Council House survey.....	115.
No. of unfit dwellings made fit after informal action.....	0.
No. of unfit dwellings made fit after formal notice.....	5.

Rehousing.

No. of houses completed during 1967 by :-

(a) Local Authority (Houses).....	4.
(Flats).....	42
Total.....	46
(b) Private Enterprise.....	11.

No. of new houses in course of construction at 31/12/67 by :-

(a) Local Authority (Flats).....	26.
(b) Private Enterprise.....	14.

The Council's present building programme is nearing completion at Skilling and in the immediate future only Hibernia Place, North Allington, is being contemplated for the erection of approximately 36 old person's units, together with warden service.

Post-War Houses.

Total completed by Local Authority :-
(a) Houses..... 228)
(b) Flats..... 218)..... 446.

Total completed by Private Enterprise :-
(a) Houses, bungalows ..... 364.

Housing Waiting List.

At the end of the year there were 151 families on the waiting list for accommodation as compared to 171 at the end of 1965. The waiting list includes some but not all of those people living in unfit properties and it cannot be considered as a complete guide to housing needs in the Borough.

Housing for the Elderly - Warden Service.

The elderly person living in an unsatisfactory and often unfit house, in which he is unable to manage may have to be placed in institutional care for social rather than medical reasons. This situation is not helped in the Borough because there are a large number of unfit houses coupled with an ageing population. The 1961 census showed that there were 1,451 persons over retirement age and the figure will increase to 1,700 in less than 10 years. The position should be improved by the provision of a warden service for the old persons flats at Cooper Court and Orchard Avenue also the new flats to be built at Hibernia Place.

Improvement Areas.

No Improvement Areas have been declared by this Council in terms of the Housing Act. 1964. Two potential areas,in North Allington and South Mill Lane, are to be considered next year,

Improvements to Dwelling Houses.

(a) Private Dwellings.

(1) Standard Grants. (Note: figures in brackets refer to 1966)

	Owner/ Occupier.	Tenanted.
Applications received.	14 (7)	8 (6)
Applications approved.	11 (5)	5 (4)
Applications refused.	0 (2)	2 (0)
No. of dwellings improved.	14 (7)	9 (2)
No. of dwellings where grant has been paid.	10	9

Total amount paid in standard grants = £2,612 (£1,098)
Average amount paid per house = £137. 9. 5. (£122)

Improvements to Dwelling Houses continued.

Standard Grants.

No. of amenities provided in dwellings improved during the year :-

(a) Fixed bath in a bathroom.	19	(7)
(b) Wash hand basin.	21	(9)
(c) Hot water supply.	22	(9)
(d) W.C. (internal).	21	(7)
(e) Food store.	21	(8)

(2) Discretionary Grants.

	Owner/Occupier	Tenanted
Applications received.	0 (1)	0 (2)
Applications approved.	1 (0)	0 (1)
Applications refused.	0 (0)	1 (0)
No. of dwellings improved.	1 (0)	0 (2)

Total amount paid in discretionary grants = £400 (£775)
Average amount paid per house = £400 (£387)

It will be noted from the above that there has been a considerable increase in the number of applications lodged for Standard Grants, the number approved, the number of dwellings improved and the amount paid in grants during the year. Every encouragement is being given and will continue to be given by the Public Health Department to the owners of pre-1945 dwellings in reasonable condition but lacking one or more of the standard amenities to install the modern facilities within their properties.

In the course of the year, when dealing with applications for mortgages to purchase pre-1945 dwellings, a system was introduced whereby the Council on a recommendation by their Senior Public Health Inspector have, in approving the mortgage applications, imposed a condition that the applicants will within a certain specified period carry out such works as are necessary to equip the houses with the five standard amenities. Applicants are advised of the availability of grants and loans. In actual practice this is working out extremely well and assists greatly in raising the standards of the houses in which the Council have a financial interest.

With regard to Discretionary Grants, the number of applications lodged and dealt with has remained static, and it would seem that the general public either know very little or nothing of the availability of these grants.

In October, 1968 an improvement grant exhibition is to be held in the town in conjunction with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Improvements to Dwelling Houses continued.

(b) Council Dwellings.

During the year the Public Health Department in conjunction with the Town Clerk's Department carried out a survey of all Council owned dwellings to ascertain what amenities were lacking and the extent of occupation of each dwelling. The purpose of the survey was to provide the necessary up to date information to the Council in order that a phased scheme of house improvement could be undertaken. The survey was completed in September and with regard to standard amenities the following statistics emerged :-

No. of pre-1945 Council Estate houses	203.
" " " " " " " lacking wash hand basin	120.
" " " " " " " " bath in bathroom	24.
" " " " " " " " hot water at sink	118.
" " " " " " " " hot water at bath	109.
" " " " " " " " hot water at W.H.B	138.
" " " " " " " " larder	6.
" " " " " " " " W.C. (internal)	12.
No. of pre-1945 Corporate houses	72.
" " " " " " lacking sink and water supply	2.
" " " " " " " wash hand basin	31.
" " " " " " " bath in bathroom	29.
" " " " " " " hot water at sink	39.
" " " " " " " hot water at bath	25.
" " " " " " " hot water at W.H.B	31.
" " " " " " " larder	26.
" " " " " " " W.C. (internal)	23.

After consideration of the Senior Public Health Inspector's report the Council agreed to make application to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for improvement grants for those dwellings lacking one or more of the amenities. On receipt of the Ministry approvals the work of improving the Council owned dwellings was commenced and this is to continue until such time as all houses are equipped with the five standard amenities. It is estimated that the entire work will be completed by December, 1968.

Certificates of Disrepair.

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair under the Rent Act, 1957.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Food Premises by type.

There are 247 food premises in the district as follows :-

Food Premises.	Number.	Visits.
Retail Bakers	12	7
Bakehouses	7	3
Butchers	9	11
Catering Premises	23	23
Fishmongers	3	4
Greengrocers	8	4
Grocers	31	5
Ice Cream	66	16
Fried Fish Shops	3	1
Confectioners	12	0
Dairies and Milk Suppliers	4	2
Public Houses	38	8
Poulterers	2	0
Jam Factory	1	0
Mobile Grocers	2	0
School Canteens	2	1
Works Canteens	6	1
Kiosks	10	7
Brewery	1	1
Registered Clubs	3	0
Covered and Street Markets	2	9
Hospital Kitchens	2	0
Total	247	103

Food Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

Manufacture, storage and sale of Ice Cream ..... 67.
Preparation or manufacture of Sausages or Potted, Pressed or Pickled Food ..... 8.
Cooked Fish ..... 4.

Ice Cream.

No. of premises on the register for the :-
(a) Manufacture of Ice Cream ..... 1.
(b) Storage and Sale of Ice Cream ..... 67.
No. of Ice Cream premises visited ..... 16.

16 ice cream samples were purchased during the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for examination. Three gave unsatisfactory results and the methods of storing and serving the ice cream at the premises concerned were investigated and faults remedied.

Food Hygiene Regulations.

It was reported in 1966 that a Council owned food shop required structural alterations to ensure compliance with the Regulations. The work has now been completed to satisfaction.

Towards the end of the year, notices were served on three stallholders in the Market and these had not been fully complied with by the 31st. December, 1967.

A great deal has been and is being done to ensure that, when plans have been lodged for approval under the Building Regulations, owners are made aware of the structural requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations, and in many instances improved layouts for the premises concerned have been submitted by owners and agreed upon.

No persons were prosecuted under the Regulations during the year.

Food Supply - 9 Complaints.

The following is a synopsis of food complaints referred to the Public Health Department during the year. It will be seen that some of these are serious and others less important and further how essential the co-operation of the general public is in preventing these incidences.

	Complaint.	Action Taken.
1.	Mouldy Beef Chipolatas.	Discussed subject of complaint with Retailer and Manufacturer. Improved methods of stock rotation suggested, and Manufacturer promised to investigate possibility of improving delivery service.
2.	Defective internal condition of can containing rhubarb.	This was due to the chemical action of the fruit on exposed metal surfaces of can. Or other can was found on display at the loca shop, and this was opened and destroyed in the presence of the Public Health Inspecto Letter sent to suppliers and Chief Chemist of food manufacturer. This matter was reported to the Dorset County Council and it was suggested that samples of this product could be taken throughout the Count and subjected to chemical analysis by the Public Analyst.
3.	Alleged bad smell from whelks.	Bad smell not confirmed, but discussed this with Retailer. No action.
4.	Foreign object in bread.	The bread had been baked locally, but had been sold in the Bridport Rural District. The "object" was found to be a tiny piece of burnt dough. No action.

Food Supply continued.

5.	Pin in fruit cake.	This cake was made and sold within the Borough. Passed to Dorset County Council. No proceedings were taken. Complainant refused to attend Court.
6.	Mouldy apple turnover.	Submitted this for chemical analysis. Court proceedings not instituted. 24 hours had elapsed between date of purchase and receipt of complaint at office.
7.	Two mouldy fruit pies.	These were manufactured in Taunton, despatched via Bridport and sold in the Axminster area. The despatch department was visited. Mater subsequently referred to the Local Authority in Taunton.
8.	Mouldy bread and butter pudding.	Letter of warning sent to local cafe owner
9.	Metal staple in mince.	Only staple was produced at time of complaint. Local butcher visited. Unable to trace origin of staple. Letter sent to complainant. No further action.

Condemnation of Food.

The following foodstuffs were surrendered voluntarily by local traders and were disposed of as being unfit for human consumption. Certificates of seizure were issued in each case.

	Cwts.	lbs.	ozs.
Meat at retail shops.	2	6	0
Canned meat.	1	73	3
Other canned foods.	0	58	$3\frac{1}{4}$
Fish.	0	40	0
Other food.	0	26	0
	4	91	$6\frac{1}{4}$

Number of visits..... 20.

Meat Inspection.

There is no slaughterhouse in the Borough but during the year the Senior Public Health Inspector assisted the Bridport Rural District Council and carried out meat inspection at the slaughterhouse on three occasions.

Milk Supply.

Since 1961, the responsibility for the issue of licences for the use of special designation in connection with milk was transferred from the Council to the Dorset County Council under the Milk (Special Designation Regulations) 1960. The County Council however have continued to keep this Council informed regarding the number of samples taken and the analyses of these. During the year 174 samples were taken and 171 passed the prescribed test. 11 dealers' licences to sell pre-packe milk and 1 pasteuriser's licence were issued.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

During 1967 sixty-one visits of inspection were made to premises coming within the scope of this Act. At no time during the year has the Senior Public Health Inspector received any practical assistance from the Additional Public Health Inspector employed jointly by the Bridport R.D.C. and Lyme Regis M.B.. The trial arrangement whereby the Additional Inspector was to be employed on the administration of this Act in this Borough for a maximum of eight weeks in a year has proved unworkabl and unsatisfactory. The Act deserves the fullest possible attention of the Health Department, and this must and will be the aim when the new full-time Additional Inspector is appointed to this Authority later in 1968.

Many improvements have been made to registered premises, and guidance has been given in many instances immediately when premises have changed ownership.

Two accidents were notified and both were investigated; in one case a woman employed in a catering establishment slipped and fractured her leg and in the other a young man, whilst handling goods in a shop, accidentally knocked a hanging rail which fell and struck his head. No fatal accidents were reported.

The following tables show the prescribed particulars to be included in the annual report under Section 60 of the Act :-

Note: The figures in brackets relate to the year 1966.

1.	No. of Premises Registered at the end of:-		No. of Registered Premises receiving a general inspection.	
	1967.	1966.	1967.	1966
Offices.....	56	(55)	15	(7)
Retail Shops.....	97	(97)	13	(3)
Wholesale Shops/Warehouses.	5	(5)	0	(0)
Catering Establishments....	14	(12)	3	(0)
Fuel Storage Depots.....	2	(2)	0	(0)
Total.....	174	(171)	31	(10)

2. No. of visits of all kinds by Inspector to registered premises..... 61. (47)

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 continued.

3. Analysis of persons employed in Registered Premises.		
Class of work place.	No. of persons.	
	1967.	1966.
Offices.	374	(365)
Retail Shops.	464	(468)
Wholesale Departments.	52	(51)
Catering Premises.	81	(78)
Canteens.	0	(0)
Fuel Storage Depots.	16	(16)
Total.	987	(978)

WATER SUPPLIES.

Re-Grouping of Water Undertakings.

The original Order for re-grouping the West and Mid Dorset Water Undertakings was revoked by a select committee of the House of Commons in 1965. After considerable discussion a new draft Poole and Dorset Water Order was the subject of a Public Enquiry in Janaury, 1967. This new Order covered a much wider area than the one which had been previously rejected. Subsequent to the Public Enquiry the Minister has agreed to the revised Order with minor amendments. The new Water Undertakings will be known as the Dorset Water Board and there were also some alterations in the financial arrangements.

It is possible that re-grouping may now take place in 1968 and it is to be hoped that this change will not unduly defer improvements to the water supply in West Dorset. It will be seen in the following table the progress that has been made by the West Dorset Water Board in its eight years of existence.

West Dorset Water Board.

The Water Board have now completed the first six phases of their Regional Scheme and have started on phase 7. The main from R.7 (North Warren Hill reservoir) connecting Melplash to Mangerton and West Milton was being laid at the end of the year. The construction of the main from Broadoak to Marshwood and R.5 (the reservoir at Bettiscombe), is awaiting Ministry approval. Approval is also being sought in respect of a scheme to bring the Board's supply to Melbury Osmond. The plans for a supply to Powerstock and Poorton have been temporarily deferred.

West Dorset Water Board Phasing of Regional Scheme.

Phase.		Proposed and completed date.
2.	Main from Reservoir No. 16 to Stoke Abbott. Construction of Reservoir No. 12 Bunkers Hill. Main from Reservoir No. 12 to Uploders. Construction of Reservoir No. 19 South Perrott. Main to Reservoir No. 19 and to Chedington, Mosterton and South Perrott. Main from Bradpole to Loders. Main from Reservoir No. 6 to Broadoak. Main from Bridport to Symondsbury. Main from Shipton Gorge to Burton Bradstock. Main from Hooke pumping station to Reservoir No. 25 and Hooke village. Construction of Reservoir No. 25. Provision of pumping equipment at Hooke pumping station.	1962 to 1964

West Dorset Water Board Phasing of Regional Scheme continued.

Phase.		Proposed and completed date.
3.	Trunk main from Litton Cheney to R.6 and site works at Litton Cheney.	Dec. 1963 - Dec. 1965
4.	Development of Litton Cheney source with pumps and treatment.	Mar. 1964 - Dec. 1964
5.	Mains from R.16 to R.3 (Hardown Hill) Construction of R.3. Mains from R.3 to Whitchurch Canonicorum. Booster No. 3 at Whitchurch Canonicorum. Construction of R.4 and R.8 (Morcombelake) Mains to Whitchurch Canonicorum, Morcombelake and Ryall. Mains from R.3 to Chideock and Seatown. Mains from Whitchurch Canonicorum to Charmouth and Catherston Leweston. Construction of R.2 (Charmouth).	Mar. 1964 to Mar. 1966
6.	Mains from Broadwindsor to :- Burstock, Seaborough, Drimpton, Birdsmoor Gate, Marshwood, Thorncombe and Holditch. Construction of R.13 (Thorncombe) Construction of R.15 (north of Burstock). Mains to Walditch.	Mar. 1965 to Mar. 1968
7.	Mains from Broadoak to Bettiscombe and Pilsdon. Construction of R.5 Bettiscombe. Mains from R.7 via Melplash to Mangerton and West Milton.(Mains from R.25 to R.26 and Powerstock. Construction of R.26 Powerstock. Temporarily deferred).	Mar. 1967 to Mar. 1969
8.	Mains from R.18 to Chelborough and Evershot. Mains from R.18 to Rampisham and Wraxall. Mains from R.18 to Melbury. Construction of R.22 (Rampisham). Construction of R.23 (Evershot) and R.24 (East Chelborough)	Mar. 196 to Mar. 1970
9.	Mains from Whitchurch Canonicorum to High Level District of Charmouth. Construction of R.1 (Charmouth). Mains and Boosters for Monkton Wylde and Fishponds. Mains from Broadoak to Moorbath. Mains from Sansoms Cross to Whitchurch Canonicorum.	Mar. 1970 to Mar. 1971

Water Analyses.

Copy Report from the Counties Public Health Laboratories, London. 19/1/1965.

Chemical Results in Parts per Million.

	Hooke Pumping Station.	Beaminster Langdon Supply.	Corsconbe Source.	Litton Cheney Heading.
Appearance.	Bright with a slight yellow brown deposit.	Clear and bright.	Bright with a few particles.	Clear and bright.
Colour.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
pH.	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.3
Electric Conductivity.	460	460	440	400
Chlorine present as Chloride.	13	14	13	19
Hardness : total.	265	260	260	215
Carbonate.	230	225	230	185
Non-Carbonate.	35	35	30	30
Nitrate Nitrogen.	2.7	3.1	1.9	2.7
Ammoniacal Nitrogen.	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
Albuminoid Nitrogen.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Iron.	0.03	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Zinc.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Copper.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Lead.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Turbidity.	less than 3	Nil.	less than 3	Nil.
Odour.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Free Carbon Dioxide	25	20	20	18
Dissolved Solids Dried at 180 C.	320	310	300	270
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate	230	225	230	185
Nitrite Nitrogen.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Oxygen Absorbed.	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.10
Residual Chlorine.	Absent.	...	...	Absent.

From the aspect of the chemical analyses these results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

Water Samples.

28 samples of mainswater, which is chlorinated were taken for bacteriological examination and sent to the Public Health Laboratory. All were satisfactory.

Fluoridation of Water Undertakings.

In 1965 a circular from the Ministry of Health expressed the Minister's hope that Local Authorities would take steps to add fluoride to public water supplies where these are naturally deficient. It is to be regreted that neither nationally nor locally has real progress been made in the last year,

The Borough Council have agreed to support the County Council if they decide to undertake fluoridation but the County Council to-date is opposed to this preventative measure.

I am grateful to Mr. R. Chapman, Engineer and Manager to the West Dorset Water Board, for his co-operation and advice on this section of the report.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Joint Sewerage Scheme.

Bridport Borough, Bridport and Beaminster Rural District Councils have a joint scheme for sewerage of parts of their districts. A pressure pipe line from Beaminster passes through Bridport Rural District and terminates in a submarine outfall at West Bay and when this is completed it will initially take sewage from the towns of Beaminster and Bridport and subsequently villages in both rural areas will be linked to it in progressive stages.

The work on the main network and individual drains has been completed for the town of Beaminster and sewage is being temporarily discharged into the river Brit. A large part of the pressure pipe line has been completed and the only work remaining is on control chambers and small isolated sections of pipe.

The submarine pipe has also been completed and was due to be towed out to sea during the Autumn of 1967. Unfortunately it was not possible to obtain the winch necessary to pull the pipe into position and this will not now be done until the spring of 1968. However, this will not delay the time at which the system will be brought into operation and there can be little doubt that it will be functional in 1968.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

The atmospheric pollution recording apparatus at the Town Hall was removed in February and due to a variety of mechanical faults the apparatus was not brought into operation again until the 18th. September. On that day the apparatus was re-positioned in premises situated on the north side of West Street on the approach to the traffic lights at South Street. Three recording stations are therefore still in operation in West Dorset and the following table shows the average daily figures recorded for the year 1967. The stations at the Grove and Eggardon Hill were equiped with the help of a grant from the County Council whilst the equipment for the station in West Street is on loan from the Warren Spring Laboratory.

Average per day in micrograms per cu. meter.					
Smoke.			Sulphur Dioxide		
Eggardon.	Grove.	West Street.	Eggardon.	Grove.	West Street.
4.70	13.83	39.61	22.31	33.25	57.81

Maximum Temperature recorded.....	27°C.
Minimum Temperature recorded.....	-2°C.
Average Temperature for year.....	11.4°C.
Total Rainfall for year.....	35.14 inches.
Heaviest monthly rainfall - October.....	5.53 inches.
Lowest monthly rainfall - June.....	0.495 inches.
Greatest amount of smoke recorded at Eggardon	February.
Minimum amount of smoke recorded at Eggardon	October.
Greatest amount of sulphur dioxide recorded at Eggardon.....	Janaury.
Minimum amount of sulphur dioxide recorded at Eggardon.....	October.
Greatest amount of smoke recorded at The Grove.....	Janaury.
Minimum amount of smoke recorded at The Grove.....	June.
Greatest amount of sulphur dioxide recorded at The Grove.....	August.
Minimum amount of sulphur dioxide recorded at The Grove.....	Janaury.

SHOPS ACTS 1950 - 1965.

Following the receipt of complaints that several shops within the Borough were not observing the Statutory Closing Hours, 35 visits were made to shop premises. Letters were sent to the occupiers of 19 shops drawing their attention to the legal requirements of the Acts. In one case it was found necessary to issue a formal warning.

PETROLEUM SPIRIT.

Petroleum (Consolidation) Act. 1928.
Petroleum (Regulation) Acts. 1928 - 1936.

The legislation and conditions applicable to the storage of petroleum spirit and licences are enforced by the Senior Public Health Inspector.

No. of applications received for the renewal of Petroleum Licences	27.
No. of applications withdrawn - installation discontinued	1.
No. of licences granted for a period of 12 months	13.
No. of licences granted for a period of 3 months *	13.
No. of informal notices served	13.
No. of informal notices complied with	13.
No. of inspections	123.

* In these 13 cases the installations did not comply with licensing conditions and certain underground tanks and electrical equipment were required to be subjected to prescribed tests to ensure their safety. Informal notices were served in each case giving the licensees three months in which to carry out the tests. All work was completed within the specified time and the licences were extended for a further 9 months in each case.

The licensee of one petrol station was given approval in principle to the conversion of four petrol pumps to self-service petrol pumps. The conversion has not yet taken place.

Two garage owners were given approval to enable them to fit latched nozzles to their petrol pumps.

Two new 6,000 gallon storage tanks were installed at a petrol station.

In February notification was received that petroleum spirit vapour had been detected in drainage systems. The cause was traced to a petrol filling station where, in the course of filling an underground tank, the tank had overflowed, allowing petrol to flow into the sub-soil. From there it had gained access to the drainage system through a broken drain pipe and then into the public sewer. The sewers were flushed out and notice was served on the occupier of the garage to renew the defective drain. This was satisfactorily carried out.

SWIMMING FACILITIES AND POLLUTION OF RIVERS.

There is no public swimming bath at present but bathing takes place during the summer months in the sea and in the river basin at West Bay. A number of water samples have been taken from this basin and were unsatisfactory, not coming up to the standard acceptable in a swimming bath. It is hoped that pollution of the basin will be decreased when the long sea outfall comes into operation.

SWIMMING FACILITIES AND POLLUTION OF RIVERS. continued.

Paddling Pool.

The new paddling pool in St. Mary's Playing Field was opened in the early part of the year. Samples of the water were taken from time to time and certain samples were bacteriologically unsatisfactory. The pool was obviously being abused, and to improve the quality of the water a manual cleaning and chlorinating system was introduced. This proved to be a satisfactory solution to the problem.

RODENT CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF VERMIN.

One part-time Rodent Operator is employed by the Public Health Department to carry out the practical work pertaining to rodent control. The public sewers in the town were treated on two occasions. All vessels entering the harbour were inspected and Deratisation Certificates were examined for validity.

No. of premises inspected following notification.....	193	(140 of these were infested by rats and 53 were infested by mice).
No. of premises inspected (other than by notification)....	16	(13 of these were infested by rats and 3 were infested by mice).
No. of dwellings treated.....	121	
No. of food premises treated.....	14	
No. of other premises treated.....	62	
Total No. of visits by Rodent Operator.....	320	
Total No. of visits by Public Health Inspector.....	42	
No. of disinfestations carried out:- (Scabies, wasps, fleas).....	13	

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Three men are employed full-time and four men part-time in refuse collection. One refuse collection lorry is used full-time and one part-time. The refuse is tipped on a site at Bothenhampton where a man is fully employed. Collections are made on weekdays from central business premises. Various hotels in the harbour area receive two collections a week and domestic premises one collection a week. Approximately 1250 loads of refuse were collected from approximately 3260 dustbins. All tins are tipped on the refuse site which is in the Bridport Rural District.

CAMPING SITES.

Apart from a few sites with a single caravan on each, the main site is at West Bay and owned by the Council who employ a full-time Supervisor and four men during the camping season which lasts from 1st. April to 30th. September. Water is supplied to various standpipes near which are concrete tanks for the reception of foul water and which are emptied regularly by a tank emptier. A daily collection of refuse from covered metal receptacles scattered through the camp field is made during August and three times a week for the rest of the season. No caravans are allowed to remain on the site after 30th. September. The hall erected by the Council on the site is much appreciated by the campers, as are also the three permanent shops.

I am grateful to Mr. F.M. Watts, Borough Surveyor and Engineer, for his help with these sections of the report i,e. Public Cleansing and Camping Sites.

SCHOOLS.

These are regularly inspected. All have water closets, piped water and washing facilities. All are supplied daily with pasteurised milk. 5 samples of water were taken from the swimming pool in one school in the area by the County Council staff, all were satisfactory.

PET ANIMALS ACT. 1951.

Two premises are licensed as Pet Shops within the Borough.

No. of visits..... 3.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960.

Nine visits were made to persons and / or premises in course of dealing with complaints of excessive noise. The principal cause of complaint was in respect of Beat Groups who operated at a local club (one evening per week between the hours of 8 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. approximately). The matter was resolved with the co-operation of the management.

The noise emanating from pneumatic road drills also gave cause for complaint. This noise occurred on two consecutive evenings and lasted until approximately 11.40 p

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT. 1964.

Two persons are licensed as Scrap Metal Dealers in the terms of the Act.

FACTORIES ACT. 1961.

FACTORIES ON THE COUNCIL'S REGISTER AND DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS MADE.

	Number on Register.	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	0	0	0	0
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities.	63	42	0	0
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities (excluding outworkers' premises)	0	0	0	0
Total.	63	42	0	0

FACTORIES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.					
Particulars.	Found.	Remedied.	Referred. To H.M. Inspector.	Referred. By H.M. Inspector.	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
Want of cleanliness.	4	4	0	0	0
Overcrowding.	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature.	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences.					
(a) Insufficient.	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	1	1	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes.	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	0	0	0	0	0
Total.	5	5	0	0	0

OUTWORK.						
Nature of Work.	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec. 133 (1) (c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
Nets other than wire nets	139	0	0	0	0	0
Total.	139	0	0	0	0	0

SUMMARY OF VISITS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Food Premises.....	125	140	384	518	403	325	725
Atmospheric Pollution.....	100	154	22	8	8	19	0
Factories.....	42	83	78	12	24	34	13
Nuisances.....	60	95	151	101	89	157	155
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act.	61	47	89	5	0	0	0
Petroleum.....	123	60	153	97	154	166	127
Shops Act.....	35	20	152	6	29	22	32
Drainage.....	36	160	213	197	289	358	181
Meat Inspection,.....	3	3	35	112	0	0	17
Rodent Control.....	42	82	212	113	90	187	0
Inspections under the Housing Acts.....	603	401	417	208	128	107	131
Housing Inspections under the Public Health Acts.....	32	53	105	98	113	25	73
Totals.....	1262	1298	2011	1475	1327	1400	1454

The above figures given an analysis of the major part of the Senior Public Health Inspector's outside work, but other visits and duties have covered infectious disease investigation, port health work, insect infestation control and noise abatement. Much time during the year has had to be devoted to office administration work associated with Clearance Areas or potention clearance areas, and the amount of paper work consequently increased.

BRIDPORT RIPARIAN LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Section 1 - Staff *

TABLE A.

Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications and other appointments held.
John G. Meadows.	Medical Officer of Health.	1/7/64.	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.. M.O.H. Boroughs of Bridport and Lyme Regis and Rural Districts of Bridport & Beaminster. Senior Assistant County M.O. Dorset County Council.
James C. Angus.	Senior Public Health Inspector.	8/8/66.	M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., Public Health Inspector's Certificate. Inspector of Meat and other Foods Certificate.

Address and telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health.

Office - Health Centre, North Allington, Bridport. Bridport 2385/6

Home - 18 St. Katherine's Avenue, Bridport. Bridport 3419.

Section II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B.

Ships from	Number.	Tonnage.	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having had during the voyage infectious diseases on board.
			By the M.O.H.	By the P.H.I.	
Foreign Ports.	20	3465	0	15	0
Coastwise.	5	680	0	3	0
Totals.	25	4145	0	18	0

Section III - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

TABLE C.

Passenger Traffic - Nil.

Cargo Traffic. - Although the principal import is Timber, during the year one ship discharged Fertiliser (Potash). EXPORTS - Gravel.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive are in Sweden, Finland and Belgium.

Section 1V - Inland Barge Traffic - Nil.

Section V. - Water Supply. * No Change.

Section V1 - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1966. * No Change.

Section V11 - Smallpox.

(1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent from this district.

Weyhill Hospital, Andover. (Telephone No. Weyhill 214)

(2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital.

Dorset County Ambulance Service.

(3) Names of Smallpox Consultants available.

Dr. E.J. Gordon Wallace, Weymouth, Dr. A.F. Turner and Dr. C. Hollins, Dorchester.

(4) Facilities of Laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Suspected material is sent to - Virus Reference Laboratory,
Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale, London N.W. 9.
Tel. Colindale 7041.

Section V111 - Venereal Disease.

Patients can be seen at the V.D. Clinic, Dorset County Hospital, Males and Females, Thursdays 11 a.m., also at Portwey Hospital, Males and Females, Thursdays 5 p.m., by appointment. In-patient accommodation is provided for at the Westhaven Hospital, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. The Medical Officer of Health gives the appropriate information to persons concerned regarding treatment facilities.

Section 1X - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships.

TABLE D.

Category	Diseases.	Number of cases during the year.		Number of ships concerned.
		Passengers.	Crew.	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Nil	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases landed from other ships.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Totals.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Section X - Observation on the occurrance of malaria in ships - Nil.

Section X1 - Measurers taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague - Nil.

Section X11 Measurers against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

(1) Routine inspection in ships from foreign ports is made.

(2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents are made with the County Laboratory, Dorchester. No rats were sent during the year.

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Category.	Number.
Black rats.....	Nil.
Brown rats.....	Nil.
Species not known.....	Nil.
Sent for examination.....	Nil.
Infected with plague.....	Nil.

TABLE F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

No of Deratting Certificates issued After Fumigation with.						
H.C.N.	Other fumigant (state method)	After Trapping.	After Poisoning.	Total.	Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued.	Total Certificates issued.
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
Nil.	Nil.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Section X111 - Inspection of ships for nuisances.

TABLE G.

Inspection and Notices.

Nature and number of Inspections.		Notices served.		Result of Serving Notices.
		Statutory Notices.	Other Notices.	
Foreign.	15	Nil	Nil	Nil
Coastwise.	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals.	18	Nil	Nil	Nil

Section X1V - Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulatuons 1934 and 1948. * No Change.

Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens * No Change.

Section XV1 - Miscellaneous * No Change.

CLINICS HELD AT THE HEALTH CENTRE, BRIDPORT.

* = seen only by appointment.

MONDAYS.

Moral Welfare Worker.....	Monday morning.
Foot Clinic (Elderly Persons).....	Monday morning. *
Relaxation Classes.....	Monday afternoon.*
Speech Therapy.....	Monday afternoon.*

TUESDAYS.

Speech Therapy.....	Tuesday morning. *
Foot Clinic (Elderly Persons).....	Tuesday all day. *

WEDNESDAYS.

Youth Employment.....	Wednesday afternoon 2 - 5
Hearing Assessment.....	every 3rd. Wednesday morning in the month. *
Child Guidance.....	Alternate Wednesdays. *

THURSDAYS.

Family Planning.....	1st. 2nd. and 3rd. Thursday in the month. 2 - 4-30 p.m. *
Cervical Cytology clinic.....	2nd. Thursday in the month 10 - 11 a.m. * 4th. Thursday in the month 10 - 11 a.m. (open session).

FRIDAYS.

Child Welfare Clinic.....	2nd. and 4th. Friday in the month. 2-4 p.m. Dr. in attendance.

Other clinics are held at :-

BEAMINSTER.	Child Welfare.	Welfare Centre, Hogshill Street.	2nd. and 4th. Thursday in the month. 2-4 p.m. Dr. in attendance 2nd. Thursday.
	Foot Clinic. (Elderly Persons)	"	1st. 2nd. & 3rd. Friday in the month. 2-5 p.m.
CHARMOUTH.	Child Welfare.	Mobile Clinic Lower Sea Lane.	4th. Monday in the month 2-4 p.m. Dr. in attendance.
	Foot Clinic. (Elderly Persons)	W.I. Hall. Wesley Close.	Alternate Wednesdays 2-5 p.m. *
THORNCOMBE.	Child Welfare.	Mobile Clinic. Village Hall Car Park.	4th. Tuesday in the month. 2-4 p.m. Dr. in attendance.